



Monday 2nd December 2019 ✪ www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk

ATTENDANCE

Parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school and can be prosecuted if they fail to ensure their child's regular attendance at school or provide alternative education, as this is a criminal offence. A Fixed Penalty Notice, including a fine, may be issued for unauthorised absences. *Leave of absence requests in term time will not be authorised for Year 6 children, nor for Year 1 or Year 2 in May or June due to statutory testing.*

SICKNESS ABSENCE

We have a "48 hour" rule for sickness and diarrhoea, as per guidance from the School Nurse Team. Please keep your child away from school for 48 hours from the last time they were sick or had a tummy upset. This guidance is simply to keep your child as healthy as possible and to keep our school germs to a minimum.

Staff update!



We are delighted to welcome Rory Garrett and Georgia Jones to our staff. Mr Garrett will be working across Key Stage 2 and Ms Jones will be supporting in Year 6 and Year 2.

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Bennett who has been working at both St Peter's and St Nicolas recently but from January will be working only at St Nicolas. We are very grateful for all she has done for the children and families of St Peter's over the last 9 years in her roles of class teacher, Senior Teacher, Deputy Headteacher and SENDCO. Her dedication and compassion in all these roles have touched so many children's lives. We wish her every success at St Nicolas'.

Reverse Advent Calendar



This Christmas, we are going to do a Reverse Advent Calendar; instead of receiving an Advent treat, we plan to donate one to our local food bank! On any day in December, your child can bring in any of the following items, knowing they will go to a local community cause. The Purple People Kitchen have given us a list of useful goods that are needed for the food bank. They need coffee, tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned or packet soup, cook-in sauces, rice, pasta, cereals, biscuits and any long life food items. They have suggested toiletries, washing detergent, toilet paper, nappies, baby wipes and sanitary items would also be very useful. All the Portslade Primaries are joining together to do this, so it will be a real community effort.

Dreams

A message from our lovely neighbours at Dreams...
"To all parents using the Dreams car park at pick up/drop off, we love Cadbury's Heros!" It's always nice to say thank you...



School communication

Remember to check our website regularly! Photos are in the [Gallery](#), letters sent home are in the [News and Letters](#) section and the [Events Calendar](#) has information about all the latest St Peter's events: www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Lateness

Lateness is becoming a concerning issue at St Peter's. All schools are held accountable for their attendance figures and lateness is monitored as part of a child's attendance.

We have unacceptable levels of lateness at the moment – the office are regularly still letting in children at 9.30am, which is 40 minutes late for school. Last week, we had **28** late children on Wednesday and **30** on Friday. We will be following our school procedures for consistent lateness so encourage our families to work at ensuring their children arrive in time for school. Persistent lateness can lead to fines for parents.

We are also receiving drops throughout the day of forgotten coats, tights, hats and lunchbags – 12 items were dropped in at different points on Tuesday morning, which is a lot of disruption to the office and to classes. Please ensure your child is ready and has their items with them when they set off for school bright and early each day!

Did you know...

In 1999, residents of the state of Maine in America built the world's biggest ever snowman. He stood at 113ft tall!*

*<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/52-christmas-facts-you-never-11734625/>



- ✪ Infant start: 8.40am (doors close 8.50am)
- ✪ Lunch: 12.00 – 1.00pm
- ✪ Infant end of day: 3.10pm
- ✪ Junior start: 8.40am (doors close 8.45am)
- ✪ Lunch: 12.00 – 1.00pm
- ✪ Junior end of day: 3.15pm
- ✪ Nursery start: 8.55am (doors close 9.00am)
- ✪ Lunch: 12.00 – 1.00pm
- ✪ Nursery end of day: 3.00pm



Gas Works message



We are writing to make you aware of the forthcoming upgrade to our gas network on Drove Road and Valley Road Portslade.

Our project involves the essential replacement of old metal gas mains with new plastic pipe to ensure we continue to provide a safe and reliable gas supply to the local area. Our contractor, DJ Utilities will undertake this replacement work on our behalf. In close consultation with Brighton City Council, our work will start 13 January 2020 for approx. 5 weeks. Our working hours will be Mon – Fri 8am – 4.30pm and 8.30am to 3.30pm weekends if required. We are mindful of those people who live in the area and will try to minimise noisy activities where possible.

To ensure the safety of everyone around the work site it will be necessary: -
To close Drove Road between Valley Rd & South St for the duration of the job
To close Drove Crescent at the junction of Valley Rd for the duration of the job
Temporary traffic lights will be installed in Valley Road at the junction of the High Street to Outside number 20. These will be manually controlled at peak times.

Signed diversions will be in place and access will be available for pedestrians and to properties. We understand that people can get frustrated by roadworks. However, the new plastic pipe has a minimum lifespan of 80 years. This means that when the work is complete, the local community will continue to enjoy the benefits of a safe and reliable gas supply for years to come.

Sharon Dorrington
Stakeholder and Community Manager – www.sgn.co.uk
SGN, St. Lawrence House, Station Approach, Horley, RH6 9HJ

Charity Fundraising

Thank you to everyone for giving their support to our recent charity fundraising events. It's a hard time of year for many families and giving your support means a lot, however big or small. We raised £210.28 for Children In Need and also raised £140.37 for Just One Tree.

Healthy School Celebration

Yesterday Mrs Lawrie and 2 year 6 children attended the 'Healthy School Celebration' event, at the Sussex Cricket Ground to collect two awards for the school ; The Silver Sports Award and a certificate for participating in the SMILE project. We had a lovely afternoon and felt inspired by what was shared from other schools in Brighton and Hove. There were 33 infant, primary, and secondary schools attending the event yesterday to collect their awards but not all of the 50+ schools taking part could be there.

Uniform

Please remember to ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day, and as the weather gets colder to encourage them to wear a hat, scarf and gloves. Please also remember that we do NOT permit the wearing of Dr Marten boots at St Peter's.

Important

Outstanding payments

Please ensure that all payments owed to the school are made in a timely manner. **School dinners must of course be paid for and clearly must paid in advance.** Your child must be provided with a packed lunch from home if you are unable to pay for a school dinner. It is not acceptable for parents to ignore repeated reminders.

Coastal Kids After School Club!

Coastal Kids Club is on every day after school! Daily at St Peter's from 3.10pm - 6.00pm, £12 per session (£11 for siblings). Lots of fun and exciting activities and resources, with snacks and a light meal.

Club email contact:
afterschoolclub@stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Club phone number: **07395 156638**

Please use the contact details above, speak to the office or check out our webpage for more information: <https://www.stpeters.brighton-hove.sch.uk/parent-information/clubs/daily-after-school-club>

Club resource donations

Although we already have lots of fantastic resources, we would also welcome donations of any fun resources in good condition for our play activities, such as dolls, cars, dinosaurs, action figures (and in particular, a dolls' house!). We do not require book donations, thank you. Please speak to the office if you have any items to donate!

REMEMBER TO SHUT THE MAIN INFANT ENTRANCE GATE EVERY TIME YOU ENTER AND LEAVE, EVEN IF ONLY POPPING IN AS IT'S A SECURITY RISK! THANK YOU.